



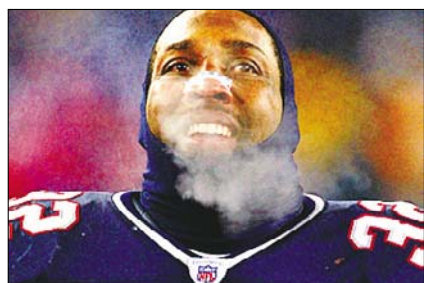
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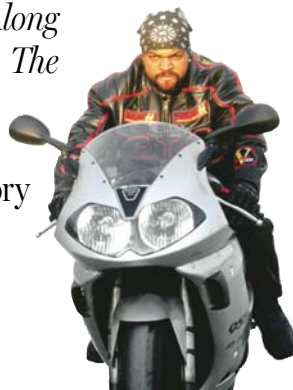
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WARM WISHES: A woman leaves a cloud behind her as she walks through the bitter cold in Manchester, N.H., on Thursday. The Northeast is suffering under extreme cold as arctic air blankets the region.

A Serious Case of the Chills

NEW YORK | A blustery snowstorm combined with painfully cold arctic air descended on the Northeast on Thursday, trapping New York-bound ferries in the ice, grounding hundreds of flights and prompting warnings to bundle up from Maine to Pennsylvania.

Fine, powdery snow fell across much of the region, with the mercury dipping into the single digits in some places, and 20 and 30 degrees below zero in others — a combination that closed schools, disabled car batteries, produced spinouts and fender-benders, and forced even ski resorts to close.

The bitter cold was expected to continue or worsen into Friday.

"Any exposed skin can freeze in less

than 30 minutes," warned Scott Reynolds, a National Weather Service forecaster.

Maine Gov. John Baldacci declared a civil emergency, waiving certain trucking regulations so that fuel oil delivery drivers could work overtime. The temperature hit 31 below at Ninemile Bridge, Maine.

In Whitefield, N.H., the temperature dipped as low as 35 degrees below zero. In Watertown, N.Y., it was minus 31, with a wind chill of minus 46.

National Weather Service meteorologist Tony Lacroix said temperatures in New Hampshire are expected to climb into the 20s.

"Golly, that's a heat wave," he said.

TANIA FUENTEZ (AP)

Capital's Airspace Vulnerable

Drills show aircraft still able to penetrate restricted zone

WASHINGTON | U.S. and Canadian military aircraft have scrambled hundreds of times to intercept or divert suspicious aircraft since Sept. 11, but routine drills illustrate how terrorists could penetrate the airspace around the nation's capital.

Exercises conducted in December are the latest to show that the best prevention against another terror tragedy in the skies is thorough pre-emptive intelligence and screening, not a last-minute intercept or shootdown of a hijacked airliner, officials said.

Those officials talked to The Associated Press about the classified results of the drills on condition of anonymity. They said the U.S. has concluded it would be very difficult to intercept a hijacked plane within a certain radius of major cities like Washington unless fighter jets were already airborne. The officials declined to define the size of that zone.

The officials would not provide more specific details about the drills except to say that under some circumstances Homeland Security planes posing as mock terrorists were able to penetrate protected air space.

Overall, the nation's air safety net is getting improved marks with each test. And officials point to the fact that nearly 1,700 times since Sept. 11, fighter jets have successfully been scrambled to intercept or escort suspicious planes. One such intercept of a wayward plane occurred over the White House late last year. **JOHN SOLOMON (AP)**

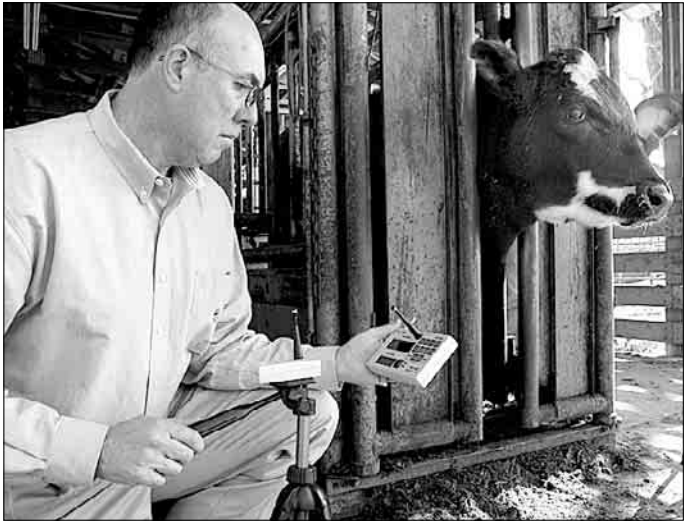


HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Express will not publish on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We'll be back to our usual schedule on Tuesday.

CRIME | Losing Streak Three men who went streaking through a Denny's restaurant in Spokane, Wash., were chilled and chagrined when they spotted a thief drive off in their getaway car, their clothes inside. The three entered the restaurant before daybreak Wednesday wearing only

shoes and hats. They left their car running so they could make a quick escape. But the streakers watched through the windows as a man stole their car. Naked in the 20-degree weather, the three young men huddled behind cars in a parking lot until police arrived. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



ANIMAL WATCH

Moood Study

Runners with the fastest feet usually win medals, but cattle that hoof it too fast may yield tougher steaks. Jerry Baker, a University of Georgia livestock specialist, has developed a scoring system that allows cattle owners to assess the temperaments of cattle so they can breed calmer calves. Scientific studies conducted in Australia, Colorado and elsewhere have shown that serene cattle gain weight faster and provide more tender meat than grumpy cattle. (EXPRESS)

YEAR OF THE MONKEY

They're Taking Over

Monkeys have invaded the Indian Embassy in Nepal's capital, forcing diplomats to seek help from animal specialists, the embassy said Wednesday. Three dozen monkeys have attacked

embassy officials, defecated in offices and destroyed equipment, embassy spokesman Sanjay Verma said. The embassy had caught some of the monkeys and taken them out of Katmandu. "But somehow they managed to find their way back," Verma said. (AP)

LAW

Crankiness Conviction

A Geraldine, Mont., man says he was upset with a carful of teens who played their music too loud — but he was the one punished for turning the volume up. The Montana Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld Allison Chapman's disorderly conduct conviction for yelling at the teens. Chapman admitted he went into the street and scolded four teens who he says blasted their stereo near his home almost every night. He denied shouting or yelling, but said he used an expletive to order them to leave. Three of the youths testified Chapman did yell, saying they were scared as they drove away. The high court argued Chapman's actions disturbed the teens' peace. (AP)

ON THE ROAD

Hitting the Sauce

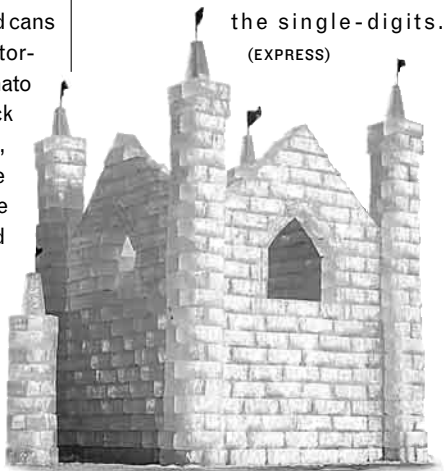
A stretch of Interstate 70 near Zanesville, Ohio, was turned into a shallow sea of red sauce, dented cans and broken bottles when a tractor-trailer rig carrying Del Monte tomato products overturned. The truck spilled 40,000 pounds of ketchup, tomato juice and spaghetti sauce over the eastbound lanes of the freeway on Tuesday. Traffic had to be rerouted via U.S. 40 while workers spent three hours clearing the mess. Ten Falls Township firefighters helped in the cleanup, loading the debris into dump trucks and using their hoses to flush away the sauce and juice. (AP)

ARCHITECTURE

It's That Cold


The windows have been cut and the flags hung at the 2004 Winter Fest ice castle along the shores of the Green Lake in Spicer, Minn. The 32-foot-tall ice structure springs from a local tradition started in 1987, according to the Spicer Commercial Club's Web site. Although there's no snow on the ground in this picture, it's plenty cold in Spicer: Friday's forecast called for snow showers and wind chills in the single-digits.

(EXPRESS)




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In Brief

SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO

Woman Pleads No Contest To Filing False Lottery Claim

The woman who claimed she lost a winning \$162 million Mega Millions lottery ticket pleaded no contest Thursday to lying on a police report. After entering the plea, Elecia Battle, 40, of Cleveland, was convicted by the judge. She faces a possible penalty of 30 days to six months in jail and \$1,000 fine at sentencing Feb. 19. (AP)

NEWARK, N.J.

Federal Agents Crack International Child Porn Ring

Two companies in Belarus and Florida have been charged with laundering profits from child pornography Web sites, and more than 40 people in the United States have been charged with downloading the material. Regpay Co. Ltd., a credit card processing company in Minsk, Belarus, collected fees for memberships to child pornography Web sites that brought in millions of dollars, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Thursday. Connections USA, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is accused of receiving the fees and routing the money to Latvia. (AP)

GRAND FORKS, N.D.

Hearing Delayed for Suspect In Case of Missing Student

A preliminary hearing for the man charged with kidnapping North Dakota college student Dru Sjodin has been delayed until March so he can be examined by a psychiatrist. Sjodin, 22, hasn't been seen since she disappeared Nov. 22 from the parking lot of the Grand Forks mall where she worked. Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., a convicted rapist, was arrested nine days later and charged with kidnapping her. (AP)

PENN HILLS, PA.

Missing Bank Executive Found Stabbed to Death

A missing bank executive was found stabbed to death in a wooded area, and authorities said his killer or killers used his debit card to take money from his bank account. Daniel Lynch, 56, a vice president for Mellon Financial Corp., had been missing since a weekend trip to Virginia, police said. His body was recovered Wednesday night near a park in Penn Hills. (AP)

NASA Rover Rolls Onto Martian Soil

'Mars is now our sandbox,' scientists say

PASADENA, CALIF. | To the great relief of NASA scientists, the Spirit rover rolled onto the surface of Mars and trundled across the salmon-colored soil for the first time since the vehicle bounced to a landing nearly two weeks ago.

The slow maneuver was a nail-biting moment for scientists who had feared that Spirit might become yet another casualty in the star-crossed history of Mars exploration.

The six-wheeled vehicle had been perched atop its lander since its arrival on Mars on Jan. 3. On

Thursday, it finally rolled down a ramp onto the surface of the Red Planet, covering a mere 10 feet, as planned. The trip took 78 seconds. "Mars now is our sandbox, and we are ready to play and learn," said Charles Elachi, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Spirit is to spend three to four days parked beside its lander, giving it time to find its bearings and perform some preliminary analysis of the soil and pebbles around it. Then it will set off a meandering journey to prospect for geologic evidence that the now-dry planet was once



NASA's Mars rover was only about 3 feet from its lander when it snapped this shot of the Red Planet's surface, but scientists plan to drive around a bit in the coming days.

wetter and hospitable to life.

On Friday, Spirit was expected to deploy its robotic arm and take its first photographs with its microscopic imager.

NASA then plans for Spirit to begin a meandering trip in the direc-

tion of a crater about 825 feet away.

The rover might also visit a nearby, shallow depression dubbed Sleepy Hollow — if there is enough time before its twin, Opportunity, lands Jan. 24 on the opposite side of the planet. ANDREW BRIDGES (AP)



BUS BLOCKADE: Protesters try to hold signs above buses Thursday as police stand on top while President Bush makes a stop at the Martin Luther King Jr. crypt in Atlanta. Officials brought in the buses after efforts to move the protesters failed.

Hundreds Protest Bush at King's Tomb

Crowds push past barricades to decry president's presence

ATLANTA | Hundreds of people pushed past Secret Service barricades to protest President George W. Bush's visit to the tomb of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on what would have been the civil rights leader's 75th birthday.

Two people were arrested Thursday as the protesters pushed toward the street in front of King's

tomb, abandoning a designated area several hundred yards away.

Authorities responded by parking three city buses on the street to block the protesters from the president's motorcade.

As Bush arrived, the crowd — estimated by police at about 700 — booed and chanted "Bush go home!" Some protesters pounded on the sides of the buses, but no one was injured and the crowd dispersed soon after the president's 15-minute stop.

Bush's visit to observe King's

birthday upset some civil rights activists who said the president's policies on Iraq, affirmative action and funding for social services conflict with King's legacy. They also complained that the scheduling conflicted with their own plans to honor King.

Bush placed a wreath on King's grave before heading to a \$2,000-a-plate fund-raiser in Atlanta.

The protesters who were arrested had stepped into the street and refused to move, police said.

LOUISE CHU (AP)

Accidents, Illness Behind 30 Percent Of U.S. Iraq Deaths

The sorrow is the same. Sons and daughters, husbands and wives, have died while serving in Iraq, though not in battle. These lives were lost to car rollovers, drownings, heart attacks — the non-hostile deaths that make up nearly a third of U.S. casualties.

Many have been car crashes, though some troops have fallen ill or been shot, officials say.

U.S. fatalities in Iraq stood at 496 Thursday, with 343 killed in hostile action and 153 from non-hostile causes, the Defense Department said.

In Vietnam, nearly a fifth of the 58,200 deaths were not from battle; in World War II, it was more than a quarter of the 405,399 deaths. (AP)

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Nation

Braun Drops Out, Backs Dean

Ex-senator's departure leaves all-male group seeking White House

CARROLL, IOWA | Carol Moseley Braun ended her long-shot bid for the presidency Thursday and backed Howard Dean, giving the Democrat a high-profile endorsement that could pay dividends with women and minorities.

The former Illinois senator said she could not compete in the fund raising and organization required to stay in the otherwise all-male field for president and encouraged her supporters to back Dean.

"Governor Dean has the energy to inspire the American people, to break the cocoon of fear that envelops us and empowers President Bush and his entourage from the extreme right wing," she said.

Dean thanked Braun not only for her endorsement but for coming to his defense in a debate last Sunday after rival Al Sharpton questioned Dean's commitment to diversity. Braun faulted Sharpton for starting what she called "a racial screaming match."



Carol Moseley Braun endorses Howard Dean on Thursday in Carroll, Iowa.

Braun is the only black woman to have ever served in the U.S. Senate. She was elected in 1992, but lost re-election after an ethics investigation, which did not result in any serious charges. President Clinton appointed her as ambassador of New Zealand after her loss in 1998. NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

TO THE WIRE

A Research 2000 poll of likely voters in Iowa released Thursday showed the race tightening:

- **Howard Dean:** 22 percent
- **John Kerry:** 21 percent
- **John Edwards:** 18 percent
- **Richard Gephardt:** 18 percent
- **Undecided:** 13 percent
- **Other candidates** scored in the single-digits.

Awaiting Iowa: The latest ahead of the Iowa caucuses, including a live discussion with politics correspondent Terry Neal at 1 p.m. today | washingtonpost.com/politics

Lawmaker, Ex-Astronaut Disputes Bush Space Plan

WASHINGTON | President Bush's call for moon missions and journeys to worlds beyond is what NASA and space enthusiasts have been hungering to hear. But even supporters wonder how the agency will cover a tab that's sure to soar into the hundreds of billions of dollars.

"I hope that by the president making this announcement, he'll put the horsepower behind it and sustain it for the long run," said Sen. Bill Nelson, the only current member of Congress to fly in space.

But from what Nelson heard Wednesday, the horsepower isn't there.

Bush is proposing an extra \$1 billion for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration over the next five years for the new space initiative,



President Bush announces his plan in Washington on Wednesday to send manned missions to the moon and Mars.

an amount Nelson says is "nowhere close" to what will be needed.

The president also has directed NASA to reallocate \$11 billion within its budgets over the next five years to cover the startup costs of sending astronauts back to the moon and, eventually, on to Mars.

MARCIA DUNN (AP)

Trucker Wants His \$1,000 Bill Back

PINE LAWN, MO. | The mayor of this St. Louis suburb fancied a rare \$1,000 bill that was seized in a traffic stop, so the town wrote the driver a check and the politician kept the cash.

Not a fair trade, according to the driver, a retired trucker who said he carried the bill in his pocket for two decades.

"If you take a personal item from someone, you should give it back," Curtis Smith Sr., 71, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

City Attorney Mark Zoole said the bill would be returned to Smith, should he ask for it, once it was no longer considered evidence in a criminal case.

The U.S. government printed its last \$1,000 bill in 1934 and took the denomination out of circulation in 1969. (AP)

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World

Shiites Call for Elections

Tens of thousands in Iraq protest U.S. plan for provincial caucuses

BASRA, IRAQ | Shouting "no to America!" tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims took to the streets Thursday to protest a U.S.-backed formula for choosing Iraq's legislature.

The protest came as an aide to Iraq's foremost Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, warned that he might issue a fatwa, or religious edict, rejecting a U.S.-backed government if his demands for direct elections are ignored.

The turnout in Basra, estimated by British soldiers at up to 30,000, was the biggest protest organized by Shiite clerics against the power transfer plan.

The United States wants regional caucuses to choose a new parliament, which will then select an Iraqi administration. It says security is too poor and voter records too incomplete for fair elections.

The clerics want direct elections, fearing the caucuses may be rigged to keep Shiites out of power.

MATTHEW ROSENBERG (AP)

Iraq in transition: U.S. officials weigh the United Nations' role in the Iraq handover | washingtonpost.com/world



FAREWELL: Palestinians from Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades ride through the streets during the funeral of female suicide bomber Reem Raiyshi in Gaza City on Thursday. Wednesday's bombing killed four Israelis and wounded seven other people.

Israel Seals Gaza Strip After Bombing

Palestinian militants honor Hamas' first female bomber as hero

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | The first female Hamas suicide bomber was given a hero's funeral Thursday, a day after killing four Israeli guards, and Israel sealed the Gaza Strip to review security at border crossings.

The closure prevented thousands of Palestinian workers from getting

to their jobs in Israel and a nearby industrial zone. The workers, among the few with jobs in the impoverished region, worried life would only become more difficult — but few were willing to openly blame militants for their new hardship.

Top Israel army commanders met at the Defense Ministry Thursday to consider a response to the attack, a security official said. Targeted killings of senior members of the Islamic militant group Hamas were expect-

ed to resume, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Israeli closure shut down the Erez crossing and a nearby industrial park, where 6,000 Palestinians work. The closure was to last until Sunday, the security official said.

Wednesday's attack at the Erez border crossing between Israel and Gaza was the first time Hamas dispatched a female suicide bomber, and the group threatened more violence. **IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)**

Witness: Killer Attacked Lindh Silently

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN | The killer of Sweden's foreign minister didn't say a word as he rushed up to her in a department store, pressed her against a clothes rack and stabbed her to death, a witness testified Thursday.

The former press secretary of Foreign Minister Anna Lindh recounted how their Sept. 10 shopping trip turned to tragedy, stunning this Scandinavian country. She testified Thursday in the trial of Mijailo Mijailovic, who claims voices in his

head drove him to attack Lindh.

Eva Franchell said she and Lindh were walking in the NK department store when she saw Mijailovic approach them.



Lindh

Mijailovic, who is of Serbian origin, testified Wednesday that he heard voices speaking in Serbian that urged him to attack Lindh.

KARL RITTER (AP)

Cross-Border Trains Roll Again In India, Pakistan

ATTARI, INDIA | India and Pakistan resumed rail services across their border Thursday and passengers celebrated while crossing a frontier closed for two years when the nuclear-armed rivals hovered near the brink of war.

Reinstated rail service comes little more than two weeks after commercial air flights were also restarted, part of confidence-building measures that fueled a thaw allowing the leaders of India and Pakistan to agree to hold peace talks.



Pakistani train passengers shower Indian soldiers with rose petals as they crossed the border on Thursday.

Amid tight security, the Samjhauta Express headed from the Pakistani city of Lahore to India, with trains from India leaving from New Delhi.

About 75 passengers entered India and around 250 people crossed into Pakistan. **(AP)**

In Brief

TEHRAN, IRAN

Reformists Call for End to Parliament Disqualifications

Reformist lawmakers vowed Thursday to keep up their sit-in protests at parliament despite intervention from Iran's supreme leader aimed at resolving a crisis over the barring of candidates from next month's elections. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday ordered the 12-member Guardian Council he appoints to reconsider its disqualification of more than 3,000 people — including 80 sitting reformist lawmakers — as candidates for Feb. 20 elections. **(AP)**

PARIS

Princess Diana's Fatal Crash An Accident, Witness Says

A witness to the crash that killed Princess Diana described a horrific scene of screeching brakes and an impact that sounded like an explosion — and is "absolutely convinced" it was an accident, according to reports Thursday. The witness, identified as Mohamed Medjahdi, told French weekly Paris Match and Britain's Daily Mail tabloid that he was driving in front of the Mercedes carrying Diana before the Aug. 31, 1997, crash in a tunnel under the Pont de l'Alma bridge in Paris. **(AP)**

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

New Currency Shows Spark

As the euro, yen and other major currencies surge in value against the wilting dollar, even Iraq's bantamweight upstart — the "Saddam-free" dinar — is showing unexpected muscle. The new Iraqi dinar, introduced last fall to replace notes bearing Saddam Hussein's image, has strengthened by about 25 percent in dollar terms. The older notes must be turned in by Thursday — they have no value after that. **(AP)**

LONDON

Race for 2012 Olympic Games Kicks Off With 9 Contenders

The high-profile contest for the 2012 Olympics kicked off Thursday with one of the most glamorous lists of cities in the games' history contending for the hosting honors. Nine applicant cities met Thursday's International Olympic Committee deadline: Havana; Istanbul, Turkey; Leipzig, Germany; London; Madrid, Spain; Moscow; New York; Paris; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **(AP)**

WHO KNEW? Kentucky Fried Chicken's parent company is preparing to open its 1,000th KFC in China. McDonald's, meanwhile, plans to add another 100 restaurants to the 560 it already has in the country. **(AP)**

Money

Drivers, Start Your Blades

BOSTON | There's a new Rolls-Royce for the serious shaver.

Gillette on Thursday rolled out the "M3Power" razor, a souped-up version of the Mach3Turbo featuring 62 patents and a tiny, battery-powered motor that emits pulses that work on the skin to prop up hair so it can be lopped off more easily.

But the Rolls-Royce device, expected to hit North American shelves in May, will also come with a Rolls-Royce price tag: \$14.99 for the shaving system (including a battery), compared to \$8.99 for the Mach3Turbo. A 4-pack of blades will go for \$10.99, a 15 percent premium.

The M3Power is a counterpunch to rival Schick-Wilkinson Sword's



A Gillette official shows off the new razor in New York on Thursday.

four-bladed "Quattro," which hit shelves in September.

A Gillette official declined to say whether the company would try to include the M3Power technology in a woman's razor. (AP)

Microsoft Agrees To Alter Software

WASHINGTON | Microsoft Corp. has agreed under pressure to change its Windows software to resolve complaints by the Justice Department that it unfairly influenced how customers buy their music online, the government said Thursday.

Microsoft will offer updated software for its Windows XP operating system in February or March to stop its disputed practice of compelling consumers who buy music on the Web to use only Microsoft's Internet browser, even after con-

sumers specify that they prefer using rival browser software.

The company continues to maintain its design was legal.

Government antitrust lawyers concluded that the design violated the landmark antitrust settlement approved by a federal court in October 2002.

They were expected to meet next week with U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly and Microsoft lawyers to more broadly describe the company's efforts to abide by terms of the settlement.

A Microsoft spokeswoman said the company agreed to the redesign for business reasons. TED BRIDIS (AP)

Pension Insurer Hurting

Government's program to guarantee funds ran \$11B deficit in 2003

WASHINGTON | The deficit for the government's pension insurance program ballooned to a record \$11.2 billion last year, more than triple the previous year's total, and officials are warning that taxpayers could be called on for a bailout.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.'s financial woes are driven by an increasing number of bankrupt pension plans and record-low interest rates, officials said.

The agency's departing executive director, Steven Kandarian, said it could continue to pay pension benefits to retirees in bankrupt plans "for a number of years." The growing deficit, however, "puts at risk the agency's ability to continue to protect pensions in the future," he said.

Officials from agency and the other departments are working on a proposal to overhaul the private pension system, which is being squeezed by low interest rates, a subdued stock market and laws that do not require employers to maintain full funding levels in their retirement plans. LEIGH STROPE (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Teradyne	30.00	+3.38	+12.7
BankOne	50.42	+5.20	+11.5
Titan Intl	3.50	+0.35	+11.1
Wescor	11.20	+1.10	+10.9
NwprRs	4.98	+0.45	+9.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NatProc	20.72	-3.23	-13.5
Huffy	5.05	-.50	-9.0
McMoRn	16.85	-1.67	-9.0
TerraNitro	6.21	-.59	-8.7
RemOG	19.14	-1.71	-8.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Impreso	2.58	+.62	+31.6
LJ Intl	5.74	+1.30	+29.3
UnivrsAc rs	4.65	+1.01	+27.7
EmpireRst	13.78	+2.83	+25.8
SvisCm	2.40	+.45	+23.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VideoDsp	11.26	-1.97	-14.9
DurectCp	2.78	-.47	-14.5
MinorPln rs	2.61	-.36	-12.1
PureWld	2.06	-.28	-12.0
AllnceRes	31.79	-4.10	-11.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
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3-month	0.86	0.92
2-year	1.64	1.83
10-year	3.97	4.26
30-year	4.86	5.09

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5489	.5450	.6234
Canadian Dollar	1.2945	1.2877	1.5369
European Euro	.7949	.7896	.9481
Japanese Yen	106.21	106.13	118.10
Mexican Peso	10.8530	10.8340	10.5040
Taiwanese Dollar	33.69	33.68	34.49

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+15.48	-2.05	+1.53
+0.15	-0.10	+0.14
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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	80.67	-.38	+5.0
AstraZen	46.29	-.62	-4.3
BarrPhm s	70.48	-1.52	-8.4
BrMySq	29.97	+.40	+4.8
ForestLab	70.03	+.29	+13.3
IvaxCp	25.10	+.22	+5.1
JohnJn	51.84	-.16	+.3
LillyEli	69.51	+.31	-1.2
Merck	45.93	-.36	-.6
Mylan s	24.81	-.22	-1.8
Pfizer	34.82	-.33	-1.4
SchergPl	17.96	-.06	+3.3
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Local

Metro Shortfall May Lead to Cuts

To balance its budget, transit agency considers fare hikes, less service

WASHINGTON | Service cuts and possibly another fare hike could be coming down the tracks at Metro.

Staff administrators on Thursday outlined proposals to trim \$28.5 million — through reductions they said would not directly affect service — from their tentative \$934 million budget for the 2005 fiscal year. The transit authority, however, still needs to shed at least another \$28.8 million — and as much as \$36.2 million — to balance that budget.

General Manager Richard A. White said that service reductions are among the possible cuts to come

and suggestions will be brought before the board later this month.

"Everything is still on the table, including the potential for fare increases," said Robert J. Smith, vice chairman of the Metro Board.

The proposed actions that officials said would not affect service include hiring freezes, limiting wage growth, boosting employees' health insurance contributions, reigning in absenteeism and overtime costs, and cutting back on the use of outside consultants.

Some of the proposals would need to be hammered out in collective bargaining negotiations with employee unions. Four of the union contracts expire before Nov. 1. A contract with security guards expired Sept. 30. (AP)



Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, which has been blocked off to traffic, is now the focus of a beautification effort to be completed by 2005.

Pennsylvania Ave. to Undergo Improvements

WASHINGTON | Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House is getting a facelift in a project one official described as being mindful of security without making the nation's capital look like a combat zone.

Barriers will be removed and be replaced with a tree-lined walkway intended to make visitors to the White House feel more comfortable.

The concept includes "various security measures that could be implemented that provide security but don't ... make Washington

look like Beirut," said John Cogbill, chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission.

The commission developed the design plan, which includes the stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue between 15th and 17th streets.

A Federal Highway Administration spokeswoman said an \$18.3 million construction contract was awarded for the project, which should mostly be completed by Sept. 30. She said the landscaping will not be put in until spring 2005. CHEVETTA GILMORE (AP)

Md. Chamber Proposes Hike on Gas Tax

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The Maryland Chamber of Commerce, citing the need for more money for roads and bridges, asked the legislature Thursday to approve a five-cent hike in the gasoline tax and a \$60 increase in the motor vehicle registration fee that Marylanders pay every other year.

The chamber said its support for the gasoline tax increase is predicated on all the additional reve-

nues going into improvements to the highway system.

The chamber also will support changes in laws regulating medical malpractice lawsuits to hold the line on premiums for doctors, especially in high-risk specialties. It called on the governor and legislature to adopt a policy of fiscal responsibil-

ity and to keep taxes competitive with surrounding states.

William Roberts, the chamber's board chairman and president of Verizon, told officials and members attending a legislative business day in Annapolis that once the state gets its fiscal problems in hand, the governor and legislature should develop "a predictable and sustainable" funding plan for higher education. (AP)

Overturned: Democrats in the Maryland state Senate on Thursday voted to override three of Gov. Robert Ehrlich's vetoes | washingtonpost.com/metro

Police Identify 2 Drivers in Crash

Carroll County man drove tanker truck that exploded on I-95

ELKRIDGE, MD. | A Carroll County man was the driver of a tanker truck that plunged from an overpass onto Interstate 95, sparking an explosion that killed him, a Glen Burnie, Md., man and two other unidentified drivers, police said Thursday.

Jackie M. Frost, 64, worked for Petro-Chemical Transport Inc. Maurice Durschlag, 62, of Glen Burnie was the driver of the pickup truck involved in the accident.

Investigators said they have not ruled out the possibility that Frost may have suffered a medical emergency.

The state medical examiner's office performed autopsies Wednesday. No signs of "natural disease," such as stroke, asthma attack or cardiac arrest, were



A firefighter walks through foam on I-95 after Tuesday's major accident.

found in any of the victims.

Blood samples also were taken to test for alcohol or drugs, but results will not be known for three to five days. Drivers of the car and tractor trailer have not yet been determined.

On Thursday, authorities re-examined the interstate and vehicles, and met with Petro-Chemical Transport officials, according to Ted Lopatkiewicz, spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: On Jan. 10, Washington Gas, reacting to an arctic blast, delivered a record 1.45 billion cubic feet of natural gas to area customers. (AP)

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Hot Five **8-20-21-3-31**

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Mid-day Pick 4 **7-7-7-6**

Evening Pick 4 **4-4-3-1**
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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **6-6-9**
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.) **7-2-2-6**
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **7-3-7-0**
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) **10-17-25-26-31**
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Sports

Edge Belongs to Patriots, Eagles

Home teams favored to win this weekend's conference title games

NFL PICKS | The New England Patriots already beat the Indianapolis Colts once this season, 38-34 at Indy, when Willie McGinest stopped Edgerrin James on fourth down at the 1.

There won't be 72 points scored when the Patriots host the Colts in Sunday's AFC championship game. Not in Foxboro's swirling winds. The forecast calls for highs in the 20s or low 30s.

The Patriots are favored by only three points because Peyton

Manning has been sizzling.

But the Patriots rarely surrender touchdowns at home — just one in their final six regular-season games.

PICK: PATRIOTS, 21-17.

CAROLINA (PLUS 4 1/2) AT PHILADELPHIA

The unheralded Panthers have a decent shot against the Eagles. This is another rematch: The Eagles won 25-16 in Carolina on Nov. 30. The Eagles managed to overcome a 14-0 deficit against Green Bay last week. Carolina's defense is tougher, though.

Still, the Eagles, who have lost two straight NFC Championship games, are due. **EAGLES, 17-15**

DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)



STUFFED: New England blocks Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James's attempt to score a game-winning touchdown when the teams met in November.

Runners Key in Cold Weather

New England's Smith, Indy's James will play big roles in title game

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP | When the wind comes in from the Atlantic and the temperature drops, quarterbacks worry about gripping the ball and defenders wonder whether their frozen pads will protect them. The ball feels like a rock to kickers and receivers.

And a smile comes to Antowain Smith's face.

It is supposed to be in the 20s or low 30s — perhaps even with snow — when the New England Patriots host the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC championship game Sunday. And that means that even though both teams have MVP-caliber quarterbacks, they might have to scuttle passing games and grind it out on the ground.

That shouldn't be a problem for the Colts, who have one of the league's top rushers in Edgerrin James.

Finally getting back to form after tearing a knee ligament during the 2001 season, James ran for 1,259 yards this season.

The Patriots have a different approach. Smith is the guy who runs over people. Kevin Faulk is the one who makes them miss. **JIMMY GOLEN (AP)**

Brady's bunch: Tom Brady tries to lead New England to its second Super Bowl in three years | Today's Post | Sports

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. Friday on Comcast) Washington faces Detroit, a team featuring two former Wizards who have led the Pistons to a 10-game winning streak.

PRO HOCKEY (1 p.m. Saturday on WB50) The Capitals, unbeaten in three games, play the Stanley Cup champion Devils.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (8 p.m. Saturday on UPN20) Maryland travels to GeorgiaTech.

PRO FOOTBALL (3 p.m. Sunday on CBS) Indianapolis and New England play for the AFC Championship.

PRO FOOTBALL (6:45 p.m. Sunday on Fox) Philadelphia hosts Carolina for the NFC title and a trip to the Super Bowl.

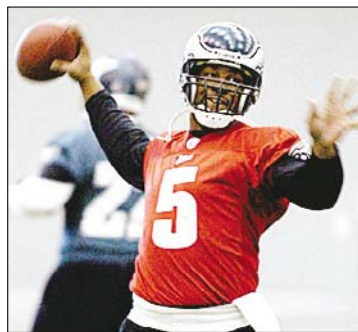
Eagles Hope Third Time Is the Charm

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP | The Philadelphia Eagles are all too familiar with the road they are traveling. They make it to the NFC championship game, then get detoured.

Two years ago, the St. Louis Rams got in the way. Last year, it was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

On Sunday, the Eagles play the Carolina Panthers for a spot in the Super Bowl, a place the Eagles haven't been since the 1980 season. Do the two recent failures help? Or just add to the pressure?

The Eagles (13-4) know they must block out the hype surround-



Donovan McNabb is 0-2 when playing for a chance to go to the Super Bowl.

ing this game in a city desperate for a sports championship after a drought of more than two decades.

They need to ignore the extra pressure of playing at home and being favored, just as they were against the Bucs a year ago.

They need to be loose and respond to the challenge, not tense up and fall apart.

Carolina has been one loose team throughout the playoffs. The Panthers (13-5) routed Dallas, then ended St. Louis' 14-game home winning streak in double overtime. This group of Panthers has no concerns about the past and, as quarterback Jake Delhomme said, is in the midst of "a pretty good fairy tale."

BARRY WILNER (AP)

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Sports

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

Jets Give Coach Edwards 2-Year Contract Extension

Jets coach Herman Edwards received a two-year contract extension Thursday despite finishing with the team's worst record since 1996. Edwards, who had two years left on his deal worth about \$1.3 million annually, is 25-23 in three seasons with the Jets. He went 6-10 this season after losing quarterback Chad Pennington for the first six games of the season with a broken left wrist. (AP)

BOXING

Trainer: Champion Lewis Will Fight Klitschko Again

The trainer for Lennox Lewis believes the heavyweight champion will fight Vitali Klitschko in a rematch that could occur as early as April 24. Emanuel Steward said Thursday that he has told members of his training staff to be ready to get into camp should Lewis decide to fight again. "He has not made a commitment but I've told everybody in our camp to be prepared for an April or May fight," Steward said. (AP)

SONY OPEN | PLAYING WITH THE GUYS



FITTING IN: 14-year-old Michelle Wie shot a 2-over-par 72 in the first round of the Sony Open in Honolulu. She is thought to be the youngest female to play in a PGA — the male player's professional tour — event.

McEnroe Unwittingly Used Steroids

TENNIS | John McEnroe unwittingly took steroids given to him by doctors during his playing career to deal with injuries.

McEnroe took what he thought were anti-inflammatories or painkillers — but he later learned they were steroids, his manager said.

"Twenty years ago, he was given medicine, drugs or whatever, by a doctor," Gary Swain said. "If he knew what he knows now, he wouldn't have taken the stuff."

In the London Daily Telegraph, McEnroe acknowledged using "a form of steroid." (AP)

Expos' Relocation Planned for 2005**Selig says decision on franchise's new city to come this season**

PRO BASEBALL | Major League Baseball hopes to pick the future home of the Montreal Expos by the All-Star break, vowing to make a decision this season following two years of missed deadlines.

The Expos were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season, and the commissioner's office originally hoped to relocate the team by 2003.

Following a two-day owners meeting, Expos president Tony Tavares said MLB's goal was to "hopefully have a decision by the All-Star game."

Commissioner Bud Selig expressed confidence the Expos



Commissioner Bud Selig says Montreal is moving, but doesn't know where yet.

would be relocated by the start of the 2005 season. He said remaining in Montreal was not an option.

Baseball officials have spoken about the Expos with groups from Las Vegas; Monterrey, Mexico; Norfolk, Virginia; Northern Virginia; Portland, Oregon; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Washington, D.C. RONALD BLUM (AP)



WHO KNEW? Lenny Wilkens, who officially took over as the new head coach of the New York Knicks, and John Wooden are the only people enshrined in the basketball hall of fame as a player and as a coach. (AP)

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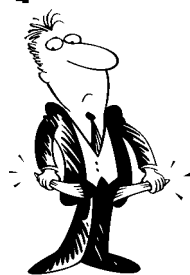
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American in Paris

Having conquered the U.S., Starbucks invades the bistro's birthplace

COFFEE | Starbucks has finally arrived in the country that likes to think it invented the cafe.

Almost six years after it began establishing itself in Europe — starting with Britain, Switzerland and Austria, Starbucks Corp. inaugurated its first Paris store on Thursday, with Spanish partner Grupo VIPS.

But the king of Frappuccinos-to-go accepts it may not be easy to make ends meet right away in a country where people still like to sit down to drink their “express,” preferred short, black, bitter — and above all, cheap.

“Our success in other countries does not provide us with an entitlement to be successful in France,” Starbucks CEO Howard



MON DIEU! A Parisian woman peeks into the future. Starbucks has opened its first shop in a country that prizes its cafe culture. Will the Frappuccino fly in France?

Schultz said in an interview ahead of Thursday's launch.

Seattle-based Starbucks sees its international business posting an operating profit overall in fiscal 2004 for the first time in an eight-year global expansion drive. But Schultz said the company was taking a “long-term view” on France, where pre-launch research showed people remain skeptical about “whether coffee from America can measure up.”

The findings also revealed that the French are already aware of the brand, he added.

“Their curiosity will drive them into the stores,” he said.

There, familiar croissants and “pains au chocolat” await them, to lessen the culture shock when the doors to the new Starbucks premises on the prestigious Avenue de l'Opera swing open to the public on Friday.

Another outlet opens Monday in the La Defense business district, the second of about 10 planned for Paris over the next year.

There are other signs French coffee drinkers are ready for a change.

A recent study by the UMIH industry association showed that the traditional bistros and cafes it represents have been closing at a rate of about 1,500 a year for the past two decades, as lunch breaks have shrunk and takeout sandwich bars have flourished.

The organization's president, Andre Daguin, nevertheless remains calm in the face of adversity — and Arabian Mocha Java.

“The first cafe was founded in Paris over 300 years ago,” Daguin said, referring to Le Procope, a Latin Quarter eatery that claims to be the world's oldest restaurant still open for business.

“Starbucks is not going to compete with the French cafe,” he said. “The cafe isn't just somewhere to drink coffee, it's a place where people go for social contact. In a big place with hundreds of customers, that's more difficult.”

LAURENCE FROST (AP)



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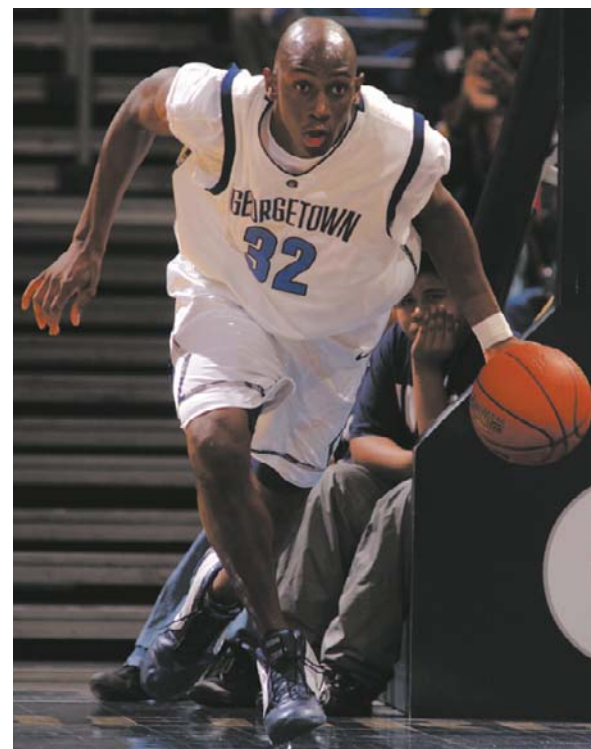
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Polly Want a Refund

An uptight guy meets a free-spirited girl — does this sound familiar?

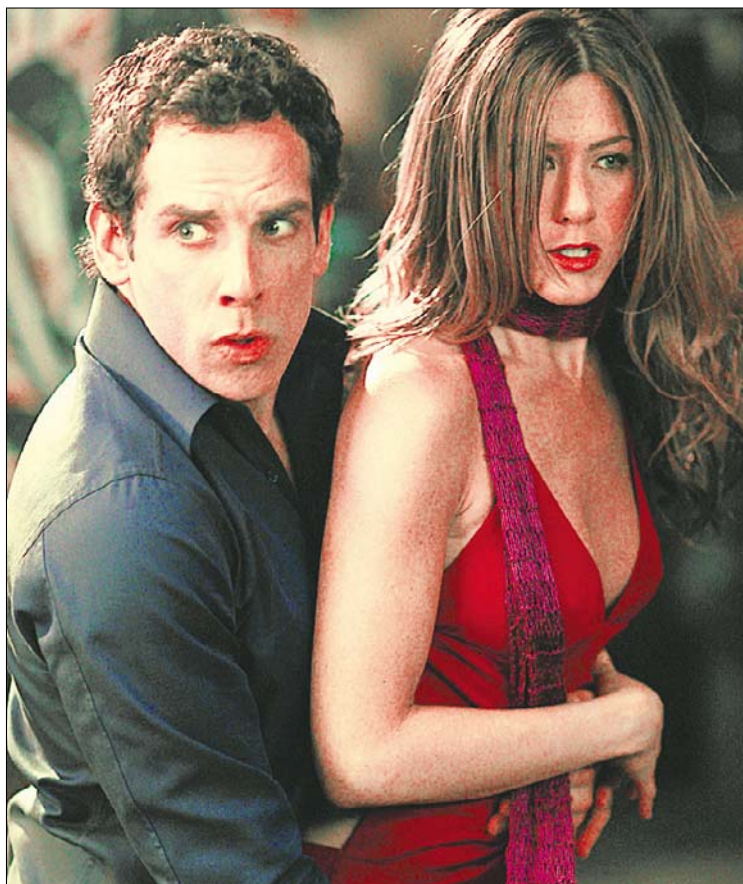
FILM | After “There’s Something About Mary,” “Meet the Parents” and “Duplex,” it seemed Ben Stiller had played characters who’ve humiliated and injured themselves in every imaginable way and had every possible bodily fluid spew from them or spill on them.

Now, along comes “Along Came Polly,” in which Stiller gets carried away on yet another wave of gross-out gags, all of them desperately straining for laughs, few of them earning any.

Again, Stiller plays the straight man, this time an obsessive risk assessor named Reuben Feffer.

Reuben falls for free-spirited Polly (Jennifer Aniston), an old friend he hasn’t seen since the seventh grade, after his bride (Debra Messing) cheats on him during the honeymoon with their French scuba instructor (a muscular, naked Hank Azaria, and yes, the casting has a strong must-see-TV vibe).

Among the horrors that befall Reuben while he’s dating Polly: Moroccan food, which exacerbates his irritable bowel syn-



STOP ME IF YOU’VE SEEN THIS BEFORE: Stiller and Aniston wrestle for laughs.

drome; a plugged toilet; Polly’s blind pet ferret; and pick-up basketball against a sweaty, hairy, fat shirtless man.

The episodic jokes from writer-director John Hamburg (who also wrote “Meet the Parents”) quickly feel repetitive; the film’s choppy pacing doesn’t help.

The film does benefit, however, from a stellar supporting cast, which includes Philip Seymour Hoffman as Reuben’s best friend, a has-been ’80s child star; Bryan Brown as an adventurous Australian billionaire seeking insurance coverage from Reuben’s firm; and Alec Baldwin as Reuben’s slick, schmaltzy boss.

But Reuben and Polly are so insurmountably different (and Stiller and Aniston have so little chemistry, despite their individual charms) that it’s hard to imagine why they should end up together, and hard to care.

Stiller needs to get out of this rut. We know from movies like “Reality Bites,” “Permanent Midnight” and “The Royal Tenenbaums” that he’s capable of much more than just being the butt of jokes.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

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The Going Out Gurus of GotPlans? think you should get out more. Get in on the discussion every Thursday at 1 p.m.

I was intrigued by the private karaoke room in the film “Lost in Translation.” Are there any in the Metro area?

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I got tickets to see “Crowns” at the Arena Stage and was wondering if there is anywhere fun/tasty around there to catch dinner beforehand.

Cantina Marina is your best bet down there.

600 Water St. SW; 202-554-8396. (Waterfront)



Gail Grate as Wanda works her fabulous lid in Arena Stage’s “Crowns.”

What are some of the best places in D.C. for good frozen margaritas (ideally Capitol Hill, downtown, or Dupont)? It’s for a tequila-fueled going-away party. Thanks!

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Faster & More Furious

FILM | “Torque” apparently aims to do for action movies what “Scream” did for horror flicks.

It’s hyper-aware of the conventions of its predecessors, including “The Fast and the Furious,” “2 Fast 2 Furious” and “XXX,” and it has a gratuitous good time making fun of them.

But this beer commercial within a Kid Rock video within an X Games competition takes it a step further, with fights and chases that will simultaneously inspire awe and hysterical laughter.

Did somebody ask about a plot? No? Well, here it is anyway: Our hero Cary (Martin Henderson) is being pursued by the villainous Henry (Matt Schulze), whose motorcycles he stole.

He has also been framed for a murder, that of rival motorcycle gang leader Trey’s little brother. (Trey is played by Ice Cube.) Meanwhile, Cary is trying to win back Shane (Monet Mazur), the woman he abandoned. It’s a wonder he finds time to maintain his roguishly perfect facial scruff.

All of this is a construct for testosterone-fueled adventures. Guys will especially enjoy the fight between Shane and Henry’s girlfriend (Jaime Pressly), in which they kick and punch each other (and nearly make out) while zooming side-by-side on motorcycles, looking flawless.



RICHARD FOREMAN

Of course, no one expects anything resembling reality in a movie like this. But director Joseph Kahn turns “Torque” completely into a video game.

The climactic chase through downtown Los Angeles is a cartoonish blur of computer-generated imagery. It makes the final fight in the third “Matrix” look like a Discovery Channel documentary. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

Ice Cube gets his motor running.

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today’s *Washington Post*.

See Spot Learn: Edgy and adorable, with postmodern appeal, Gary Baseman’s animated film takes cartoons to a cool new level. Michael O’Sullivan reviews “Teacher’s Pet.” | *Weekend*

Ahead of Its Time: Francis Ford Coppola’s playful, inventive piece of magic flopped at the box office. Desson Thomson looks fondly back at “One From the Heart.” | *Style*

My Life As a Slacker: Before becoming a ringmaster of the grotesque, Federico Fellini made a film about his aimless early life. Michael O’Sullivan revives “I Vitelloni.” | *Weekend*

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Depp stands tall as a nominee twice over for his role in "Pirates of the Caribbean."



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SAG Goes Indie

AWARDS | "Mystic River" and "The Station Agent" collected three Screen Actors Guild nominations Thursday, including best ensemble cast.

Patricia Clarkson picked up bids for both supporting actress for "Pieces of April" and lead actress in "The Station Agent." Peter Dinklage, the diminutive star of "The Station Agent," received a lead actor bid.

Besides best ensemble — the actors' guild equivalent to a best picture category — "Mystic River" was recognized for Tim Robbins's supporting turn, and Sean Penn received a lead actor nomination.

Other ensemble contenders: "In America," "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" and "Seabiscuit."

Johnny Depp, a surprise Golden Globe nominee for playing a wob-

bly swashbuckler in "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," picked up another bid for that role for SAG — a significant boost for his Oscar chances.

Other big-name stars — Tom Cruise from "The Last Samurai," Russell Crowe from "Master and Commander" and Nicole Kidman from "Cold Mountain" — were snubbed by the guild.

Besides Depp, Dinklage and Penn, the lead actor contenders were Bill Murray for "Lost in Translation" and Ben Kingsley for "House of Sand and Fog."

Other lead actress contenders were Diane Keaton for "Something's Gotta Give," Naomi Watts for "21 Grams," Charlize Theron for "Monster" and 16-year-old Evan Rachel Wood for "Thirteen."

ANTHONY BREZNICAN (AP)

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Greetings, GOGs. I love the Common Ground café; it's cozy and friendly and offers free wireless, but their snack lineup leaves much to be desired. Any other charming non-chain cafes?

Walk down to the Java Shack. Really great desserts, and the coffee's not bad.

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Where can I go to find good improv comedy aside from a college campus?

Oh my goodness, you must get ticketed for one of Sunday's two David Cross shows at the Improv. He is the devil. If you're down for comedy sports, you have more choices. Some members of Washington Improv Theater appear as "Improv Nation" Friday night at DCAC.

Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North)

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David Cross, a naughty, naughty man.

More Oscar Screeners On the 'Net

INDUSTRY | Two additional movies sent to Oscar voters have surfaced on the Internet. An Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences screener copy of "House of Sand and Fog" was up for sale on an auction site and a copy of Miramax's Civil War epic "Cold Mountain" available for downloading.

The actual videocassette copy of the grim drama "House of Sand and Fog" was up for sale on eBay before DreamWorks SKG con-



The Jennifer Connelly vehicle "House of Sand and Fog" went on a joyride.

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tacted the site and asked that it be removed.

The Los Angeles Times reported that security features on the tape indicated that it belonged to Ivan Kruglak, an academy member and president of a wireless data communications company.

Kruglak told the newspaper he didn't know how a copy of his tape was posted for sale online, saying, "I firmly believe someone at the duplicating house made themselves a copy before the studio sent it to me."

Earlier in the week, the academy said copies of "Something's Gotta Give" and "The Last Samurai" had been posted online. The Oscar nominations will be announced Jan. 27. (AP)

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Reviews by The Washington Post's Ann Hornaday, Mark Jenkins, Stephen Hunter, Michael O'Sullivan and Desson Thomson.

THE BATTLE OF ALGIERS (unrated, 100 minutes) Italian director Gillo Pontecorvo's powerful 1965 dramatization of the uprising in Algiers against French colonial rule often looks like newsreel footage. Told in cinema-verite style and based on a treatment by Saadi Yacef, who served as a leader in the actual struggle and who appears in the film, "Battle" is uncannily timely, with an eerily prescient message. (M) **BIG FISH** (PG-13, 119 minutes) A bit of leaden whimsy from Tim Burton. The film lamely tries to spin themes of awkwardness between fathers and sons, and the southern love of embellished narrative, for two long and charmless hours. (SH)



BUBBA HO-TEP (R, 92 minutes) The idea sounds good on paper: An aging Elvis Presley (Bruce Campbell) teams up with fellow nursing-home resident Ossie Davis, playing a man who thinks he's JFK, to do battle with a murderous Egyptian mummy. On sec-

ond thought, it doesn't sound that good after all. (M)

COLD MOUNTAIN (R, 154 minutes) Directed by the subtly spectacular craftsman Anthony Minghella, "Cold Mountain" is one of those films that might be called "complete." It has everything, in the best possible way, but most importantly, it has a coherent, if tragic, view of life and society. It's really long and it feels like it's over in 15 minutes. It does something so few movies do these days: It satisfies. (SH)



Bello, Baldwin and Macy in "The Cooler."

THE COOLER (R, 101 minutes) In this casino-set romance noir, William H. Macy plays another likable loser. He's Bernie Lootz, whose awful luck at the gaming tables lands him a job as the house jinx in a casino owned by slimy Shelly Kaplow (Alec Baldwin). Everyone's luck changes when Bernie falls in love with cocktail waitress Natalie (Maria Bello). Had "The Cooler" stuck to his dark guns and not turned into a treacly fairy tale, this movie might have gone somewhere. (DT)

THE FOG OF WAR: ELEVEN LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ROBERT S. MCNAMARA (PG-13, 107 minutes) Errol Morris's stunning documentary is about one of the 20th century's most significant players: McNamara, who reprises the highlights

of his life and professional career. There are some stunning revelations, including his role in the firebombing of Japan and the nuclear face-off between the United States and Cuba. (DT)

GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING (PG-13, 99 minutes) It never strays from its chief mission: to create beautiful, painterly images with every single frame. But the movie's strengths also prove to be its weaknesses, as visual rapture continually trumps narrative drive. The film unfolds as a series of meticulous tableaux vivants, but like those parlor pastimes, it lacks physical verve and a compelling emotional charge. (AH)

HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG (R, 126 minutes) The climactic events in this bitter melodrama are enough to send the most emotionally stable viewers into a depression. When Iranian immigrant Massoud Amir Behrani (Ben Kingsley) buys a foreclosed property, he thinks he has found a dream home. But Kathy Nicolo (Jennifer Connelly), who lost the house, intends to fight to the death. Soon enough, a mere dispute over real estate turns into a harrowing, tragic battle. (DT)

LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13, 201 minutes) Director and co-writer Peter Jackson's triumphant conclusion to his "Rings" trilogy brings it home—we enjoy the fulfillment of destinies for once-and-future monarch Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), his resolute love, Arwen (Liv Tyler), and his allies, Legolas (Orlando Bloom) and Gimli (John Rhys-Davis). Jackson takes us from the extended battles to the more personal conflicts, such as between the scheming Gollum-Smeagol (Andy Serkis) and Frodo (Elijah Wood). (DT)

MONSTER (R, 111 minutes) In less than two hours, Charlize Theron changes from second-tier actress to a formidable candidate to hoist that golden trophy above her head. As Aileen Wuornos, the drifter-prostitute executed in Florida for the murders of six men, her performance is that darn good and that darn scary. (DT)

MY ARCHITECT (unrated, 116 minutes) Documentarian Nathaniel Kahn's engrossing film about his late father, acclaimed architect Louis Kahn, is an ode to reconciliation structured as a son's voyage of discovery toward a man who died penniless in the men's room of New York's Penn Station—and who left almost as many families as buildings. "My Architect" is as poignant as it is fascinating. (MJ)



Nathaniel and Louis Kahn around 1970.

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE (PG-13, 123 minutes) For 90 minutes of its long running time, this comedy is just right. It's a well-written, nicely acted and smoothly directed (by Nancy Meyer) battle of the sexes between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson. He's a shameless womanizer; she's the mother of one of Harry's young conquests who becomes the one who will change his behavior. (DT)

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TELEVISION | Any doubt that "The L Word," Showtime's new series about the lives and loves of a group of young lesbians in Los Angeles, hopes to fill the void left when "Sex and the City" goes off the air in February should be dispelled by the show's tagline: "Same Sex. Different City."

Splashed across a glamour shot of eight beautiful women (and one beautiful man), the ad invokes the spirit of its predecessor so plainly, it can take a moment to give up its double meaning. The sex is not the same; the sexes are. And just for good measure, the "L" of the title equivocates too.

The line is a transparent, almost predatory come-on to a demographic on the verge of getting dumped. "The L Word" has no compunction about hitting on Carrie Bradshaw's soon-to-be broken-hearted TV-land exes. But it's hard not to admire the bravado. "The L Word" at least comes close to "Sex" in spirit, cheerfully presenting urban promiscuity as a generally well-intended process of trial



IS SHE OR ISN'T SHE? Mia Kirshner and Karina Lombard are the new "Sex" girls.

and error, punctuated by choreographed sex scenes, spirited post-game analysis and an overall view of the city as a bright, gorgeous grown-up romper room.

The general absence of male-

female trouble could prove a harder obstacle than Carrie's fairy-land shoe budget for the average Payless shopper to surmount. But the show is clearly courting an audience well beyond its built-in niche — the straight-world parallels are as prevalent here as lesbian stereotypes are absent.

"The L Word" also doubles the players, ratchets up the raunch factor (new areas to wax!) and relegates men to the role of Charlotte. With toxic bachelors out of the way, the show is able to turn its attention to the problems inherent to dating women and finds that, hey, girls are impossible, too! This perspective — and the obvious titillation factor — may help "The L Word" double as that elusive beast, the male "Sex and the City."

By now, television viewers know that the "L" word is race-, gender-, coast- and premium pay channel-blind. And with the girls of HBO halfway out the door, Showtime is betting on the notion that, by now, we're willing to swing both ways.

CARINA CHOCANO (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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The Chinese Lunar New Year may bring good fortune if you play your cards right, but good food is guaranteed. | *Sunday Source*

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Theater J is a player, and not just on the stage; Peter Marks talks to artistic director Ari Roth about the company's success. | *Arts*

U.N. Favors Electra

LAWSUITS | Former "Baywatch" star Carmen Electra has won control of the Internet name www.carmenelectra.com in a ruling by a United Nations panel.

An arbitrator for the World Intellectual Property Organization ordered the transfer of the domain name to the American actress, who had complained that it was being used in bad faith to divert Internet traffic to a commercial site, Celebrity1000.

The ruling upheld Electra's complaint against the company that registered the name — Network Operations Center of High Prairie, Canada.

Arbitrator Jon Lang noted that a U.N. panel also had held in favor of actor Pierce Brosnan against the same Web address registrant. On Tuesday, the estate of "Lord of the Rings" author J.R.R. Tolkien won a case against the same operation.



"Give me back my good ... my name."

A number of celebrities have already won the Internet version of their names back from Network Operations Center owner Jeff Bugar, including Bruce Springsteen, Pamela Anderson and writer Michael Crichton.

The U.N. arbitration system allows those who think they have the right to a domain to get it back without having to fight a costly legal battle. (AP)

Entertainment

A Magical New 'Myst'

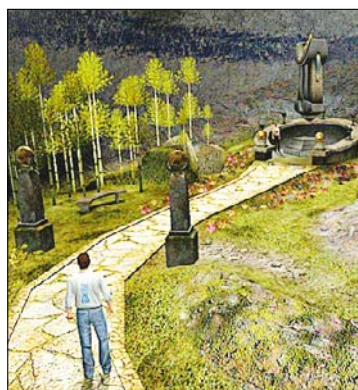
VIDEO GAMES | It's been a decade since the digital artisans at Cyan Worlds debuted "Myst," a gorgeous video game that encouraged thoughtful exploration over mindless violence.

Now we have "URU: Ages Beyond Myst." Although the most promising feature — Internet play — isn't fully available, "URU" still sets a new standard in peaceful

armchair archaeology.

As the story goes, it's been 250 years since the ancient D'ni civilization vanished from the depths of the earth. During its prime, the D'ni invented a craft that allowed them to write "Linking Books" — magical texts that let readers travel to various locations, called "Ages."

Your role? Uncover the many mysteries within in each age and



MYSTERIES OF THE AGES: Unlock the secrets of the D'ni with the new "Myst."

learn something about the D'ni in the process.

It's best to think of each age as a collection of puzzle pieces. You "win" the game by touching all seven "journeys" — posters with a hand symbol drawn on them — hidden in each age.

The only real complaint is that the puzzles can be painstakingly difficult. Your best bet is to scrutinize every button, lever and cave painting. And for sanity's sake, keep a notebook and pencil handy. "URU" plays out in three dimensions, and

that means goodbye to the flat slide-show look of the original "Myst" and sequels "Riven" and "Exile."

Everything has an aged, careworn look, and there are small details, too: Some metal objects have a shiny chrome appearance, veined with just the right amount of rust and wear.

From the murmur of a gentle breeze rustling through a stand of trees to the gurgling of a waterfall, ambient sounds and new age music complete the immersive effect. **MATT SLAGLE (AP)**



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Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT
BETWEEN THE LINES (Fri., 10 p.m., A&E) Robert Downey Jr. hosts a four-part celebration of the lost art of letter writing. Tonight's presentation focuses on famous letters sent to and from presidents and first ladies. The letters are read by celebrities. Kelsey Grammer gets a little misty while reading Reagan's love letter.

WASH HANDS OBSESSIVELY BEFORE WATCHING
MONK (Fri., 10 p.m., USA) The quirky detective series starring Tony Shalhoub and Bitty Schram returns for a third, seven-episode season about the phobic gumshoe.

TOGA! TOGA!
JOAN OF ARCADIA (Fri., 8 p.m., CBS) A divinely inspired party.

THIS PASTA ROCKS
DWEEZIL AND LISA (Fri., 10 p.m., Food)

Musicians Lisa Loeb and Dweezil Zappa host their own cooking show.

'IS THIS LIVE?'
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (Sat., 11:30 p.m., NBC) Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey are the first married couple to host the show since Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger in 1994. It's enough to make you wonder if the "Newlyweds" stars will revive the popularity of those "Stupid" and "I'm With Stupid" T-shirts.

REALITY BITES BACK
I WANT TO MARRY RYAN BANKS (Sun., 8 p.m., ABC Family) Art imitates reality TV in this clever and entertaining television film. Former "90210" heartthrob Jason Priestley stars in the title role as a once-hot actor in a career spiral due to his reputation as a cad. His friend and manager, Todd (Bradley Cooper), decides to cast Banks in his very own "Bachelor"-like show so America will fall in love with him all over again.

Complications ensue when roman-



THE MOST DRAMATIC ROSE CEREMONY EVER: Ryan Banks and his lovely ladies.

tic sparks fly between Todd and Charlie (Emma Caulfield), the most popular contestant. In a reality twist on "Cyrano," Todd is forced to provide the romantic lines that the empty-headed Ryan uses to woo Charlie. "Ryan Banks" offers viewers a gentle deconstruction of the reality format, showing how "spontaneous" moments emerge from scripted scenar-

ios and numerous takes.

DON'T THEY MEAN I35?
60 MINUTES (Sun., 7 p.m., CBS) A retrospective of the TV newsmagazine's first 35 years is scheduled.

STARTING WITH THEIR BRAINS
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ULTIMATE EXPLORER (Sun., 8 p.m., MSNBC) examines the growing trend of people who sell body parts

and fluids to supplement their income.

BEAR CARETAKERS
GROWING UP GRIZZLY 2 (Sun., 8 p.m., Animal Planet) Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt appear on this fuzzy nature special, but neither of those media-certified hotties are as cute as Bart and Honey Bump, the orphaned bear cubs raised by professional animal trainers Doug and Lynne Seus.

MORE TIME TOGETHER
CAROL BURNETT AND FRIENDS MARATHON (6 a.m., TVLand) A 48-hour look at the classic comedy variety show kicks off Saturday morning and doesn't keel over until Harvey Korman does.

CULT CHOICE
PRIMARY COLORS (Fri., 8 p.m., WE) John Travolta and Emma Thompson do not play Bill and Hillary Clinton in director Mike Nichols's 1998 adaptation of the anonymously written fictional political tell-all. No, sir. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	TNT	Charmed "Just Harried"			Law & Order "Missing"		★ ★ "The Goodbye Girl" (2004) Patricia Heaton. Premiere.		Law & Order		Monk (Season Premiere) (N)		
	USA	Monk			Monk		Law & Order		Robbing the Cradle		Reality TV Secrets		
	VHI	Fabulous Life			M. Jackson		Living With Michael Jackson Private life.				Driven "Jessica Simpson"		
SPAN.	TELEM	Corte-Pueblo			Noticiero		Pasión de Gavilanes		Amor Descarado		Especial de Laura		
	UNIV	Viviana			Noticiero		Amar Otra Vez		Velo de Novia		Casos de la Vida Real		
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)			PGA Golf Sony Open -- Second Round. (Live)				Hey Rookie, Welcome		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Kings		
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	CSN	Football			SportsNite		On Campus		Gary Williams		Wizards Post.		
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	MSNBC	Abrams Report (Live)			Hardball-Chris		Countdown-Olbermann		Abrams Report		Scarborough Country (Live)		
MOVIES	AMC	(5:15) ★ ★ ★ "El Dorado" (1967) John Wayne. 'NR'					★ ★ ★ "Jaws 2" (1978, Horror) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary. 'PG'				★ ★ "Prophecy" (1979) Talia Shire. 'PG'		
	TCM	★ ★ ★ "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" (1957) 'NR'					★ ★ ★ "The Spiral Staircase" (1946) 'NR'		★ ★ ★ "The Last Outpost" (1951) 'NR'		★ ★ ★ "Gun Glory" (1957)		
	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ "Cheats" (2002)			Inside the NFL		Real Time (Live)		★ ★ "The Transporter" (2002) 'PG-13'		Sex and-City		
	MAX	★ ★ ★ "Trapped" (2002) Charlize Theron.					(4:45) ★ ★ ★ "The Hunt for Red October" (1990) Sean Connery.		★ ★ ★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow.		★ ★ ★ "PG-13"		
	SHO	★ ★ ★ "Hannah and Her Sisters" (1986)			L Word		★ ★ ★ "The American President" (1995) Michael Douglas.		Dead Me		L Word		
	TMC	Blood Red			★ "Mexico City" (2000) Stacy Edwards.		★ ★ "Crossroads" (2002) Britney Spears.		(3:35) ★ ★ ★ "Ghost World" (2001) Thora Birch. 'R'		★ ★ ★ "Gangs of New York"		
	STARZ!	(5:30) Warren Miller's Ride			(4:20) ★ ★ "In the Army Now" (1994) 'PG'		★ ★ ★ "Scream" (1996) Neve Campbell.		★ ★ "Playing God" (1997)		★ ★ ★ "Fast Times"		
ENCORE		Shining Thru			(3:35) ★ ★ "Problem Child" (1990) 'PG'		★ ★ ★ "Tequila Sunrise" (1988) Mel Gibson.		★ ★ "Playing God" (1997)		★ ★ ★ "Fast Times"		

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Home & Fashion




Shopping List | Tasting Menu



FLAVOR SAVOR: From left: Honey I Washed the Kids soap, Phuket Bath Bomb, Hot Milk? Bubble Bar, Jungle solid shampoo and Creamy Candy Bubble Bar.

Deli-icious
Fragrant, towering hunks of soap, bubble bath and shampoo (yes, hunks of shampoo) hulk on tables like cheese wheels. Pieces are cut, weighed, wrapped in butcher paper and labeled with “Best Before” dates like so much aged Cheddar. This is **LUSH**, a deli-like body- and hair-care chain that’s booming in Britain but just now making inroads stateside, namely in Georgetown (3066 M St. NW; 202-333-6950). The gimmick: Everything is hand-made in small batches, so it’s fresh as a very clean, well-moisturized daisy. (The company is also fiercely against animal testing.)
Here’s a sampling of a few Lush offerings: Drop a **BATH**

BOMB (\$4.80 for large, shown; \$3.65 for small) in the tub and watch it disintegrate in a flurry of fizz, leaving the water soft and aromatic. **BUBBLE BARS**, in flavors like Hot Milk? (\$5.25) and Creamy Candy (\$4.80), add froth to the mix; crumble up a whole or half for a silky, bubbly bath brew. **HONEY I WASHED THE KIDS** soap (\$30.39/lb) is sweet and eerily edible-looking. Though washing your hair with a bar of soap may sound like a barbaric male practice (indeed, it is), Lush’s **SOLID SHAMPOOS** beg to differ. A bar of Jungle (\$34.70/lb.) refused to lather, however, perhaps because the D.C. water was too hard or — whoops! — its “Best Before” date had passed. (EXPRESS)

 **Make a doggie placemat:** Keep dog-food crumbs off the kitchen floor and add a splash of color to your puppy’s corner. In The Washington Post, Sunday Source.

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People



GOOFS
Hey, That Head Costs Money

Actor **HIROYUKI SANADA** said Thursday that he came within one centimeter of chopping off **TOM CRUISE**'s head while filming the "Last Samurai." He was swinging a sword during a fight scene when Cruise's mechanical horse malfunctioned. The film crew "all screamed because they thought Tom's head would fly off." (AP)

WARNINGS
Casino Ruckus Follows Foxx

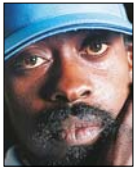
A New Orleans judge says arrest warrants will be issued for comedian **JAMIE FOXX** and his younger sister if they don't show up in court Friday to answer charges from a scuffle with police at a casino. Foxx, 36, and his sister are charged with two counts each of battery on a police officer causing injury, a felony, and one count of disturbing the peace,

a misdemeanor. The charges come from a fight with police officers and security guards at Harrah's New Orleans Casino on April 26. Police said Foxx, Dixon and a group of their friends refused to show identification at the door, then went into the casino and refused repeated requests to leave. (AP)



ACCIDENTS
Beenie Man Hurt in Hummer

Grammy-winning dancehall rapper **BEENIE MAN** was in serious condition after an early morning car accident in Kingston, Jamaica, on Thursday, a record executive said. The 30-year-old suffered injuries includ-



ing broken ribs and a broken nose when his Hummer flipped over after running off a highway, said Clyde McKenzie, an executive of Shocking Vibes Productions. The rapper, whose real name is Anthony Moses Davis, was driving alone at the time, McKenzie said. It was unclear what caused the accident or whether Beenie Man was wearing a seat belt. (AP)

HAPPY ENDINGS
Mommy, I Wuv You

Teen pop singer **AARON CARTER** has resolved his dispute with his mother and manager, Jane. Last month, the 16-year-old brother of Backstreet Boy Nick Carter alleged his mother had taken more than \$100,000

from his bank account without permission. The family's lawyer accused people involved in the singer's last tour of "putting misstatements in his head" that led to the ugly dispute. (AP)



Unacceptable and almost vulgar? Nah.

DIVAS
Mariah, Angel of the Moral Degradation of Youth
Malaysia's Muslim opposition party has urged the government to cancel a Feb. 22 concert by pop diva **MARIAH CAREY**. "Everyone knows Mariah Carey presents herself in a sexy, unacceptable and almost vulgar manner," Ahmad Sabki Yusof, a leader of the fundamentalist Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party's youth wing, said Thursday. Adding insult to injury, the date of Carey's concert marks the start of the new year in the Muslim calendar, which is a religious holiday in Malaysia. (AP)



The Hilary Duff-Industrial Complex sings soulfully. But can it truly feel?

REALITY
MTV Invests in the Hilary Duff Machine

HILARY DUFF is growing up. The Nickelodeon-launched multimedia entertainment product has been tapped by MTV to develop a reality project. Hers is one of seven deals the channel announced Wednesday, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Cameron Diaz will star in a show chronicling her adventures around the world. But wait — it's socially redeeming. She'll look at environmental issues and show how it is possible to survive without a hairdryer. And cameras will follow Ashlee Simpson, little sister of Jessica, as she records her first album. (EXPRESS)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today

Sunny; windy and very cold
26°

Tonight

Clear and very cold; blustery early
16°

Saturday

Increasingly cloudy; not as cold
32° / 25°

Sunday

A chance of snow, ice and rain
37° / 30°

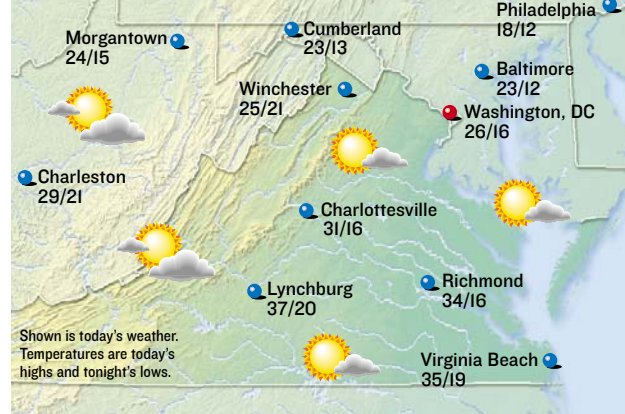
Monday

Partly sunny and blustery
37° / 24°

Tuesday

Mostly sunny and blustery
35° / 22°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
High 36°
Low 24°
Normal high 42°
Normal low 27°
Average humidity 48%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. Trace
Month to date 0.47"
Normal month to date 1.59"
Year to date 0.47"
Last year to date 2.17"
Normal year to date 1.59"

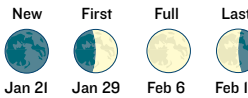
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Regional Forecast

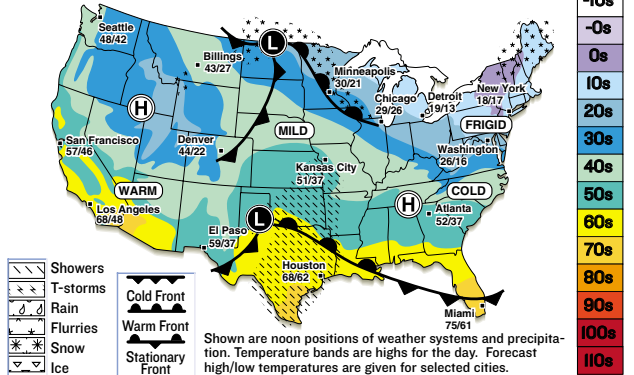
D.C. Metro: Today, sunny, windy, very cold. High 26. Wind northwest 20-35 mph. Tonight, clear, breezy, very cold. Low 16.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:25 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:11 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:44 a.m.
Moonset today 12:24 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, January 16



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	52/37/s	55/48/r
Boston	14/12/s	27/15/s
Chicago	29/26/sf	36/22/c
Dallas	62/53/r	60/40/c
Denver	44/22/pc	44/24/pc
Honolulu	80/66/s	82/70/s
Los Angeles	68/48/c	70/50/c
Miami	75/61/pc	78/66/pc
New York City	18/17/s	32/26/s
Orlando	68/50/pc	74/58/pc
Seattle	48/42/c	50/42/sh

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	43/37/r	39/30/w
Athens	51/38/s	52/39/s
Berlin	35/30/sn	39/25/sn
Buenos Aires	81/61/s	86/66/s
Calgary	39/22/pc	34/19/i
Dublin	45/34/pc	42/33/pc
Geneva	38/33/sn	34/22/sn
Moscow	22/3/sn	15/-/c
Rome	48/38/pc	51/39/r
Sydney	77/63/t	89/65/s
Tokyo	42/30/pc	40/30/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I HAVE READ EXPRESS religiously since it launched and have always enjoyed your knack for summarizing a whole paper into such a short yet comprehensive rag. But your newest addition deserves special kudos. Your daily schedule of prime time TV programming is a godsend. I can easily decide what I want to watch that evening during my morning commute from Takoma Park to Rockville. Thank you so much for providing this extremely helpful section.

—SHAUN KIRBY
Takoma Park, Md.

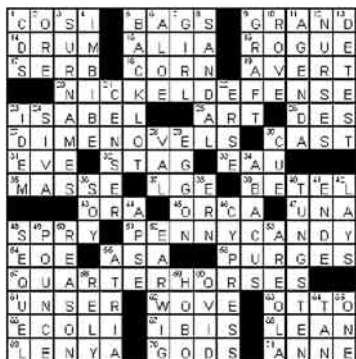
AS I WENT TO BED Wednesday, I felt a slight dread of the morning — a morning sure to be slathered with tons of fresh snow. But when I awoke and peeped outside, lo and behold, I found what appeared to be pavement, a driveway and steps. I consulted several local newscasts, and what I found were apologetic weather-watchers — not sorry for getting it wrong, but seemingly regretful that we did not get buried knee-deep in snow. Those of us who wasted company time on Wednesday, taking off early (some hoping to call in "sick" on Thursday) want to know: What version of Doppler radar is being used, 2.0, 3.1, 6.0? Time for an update.

—HARRY WILLIAMS
Alexandria, Va.

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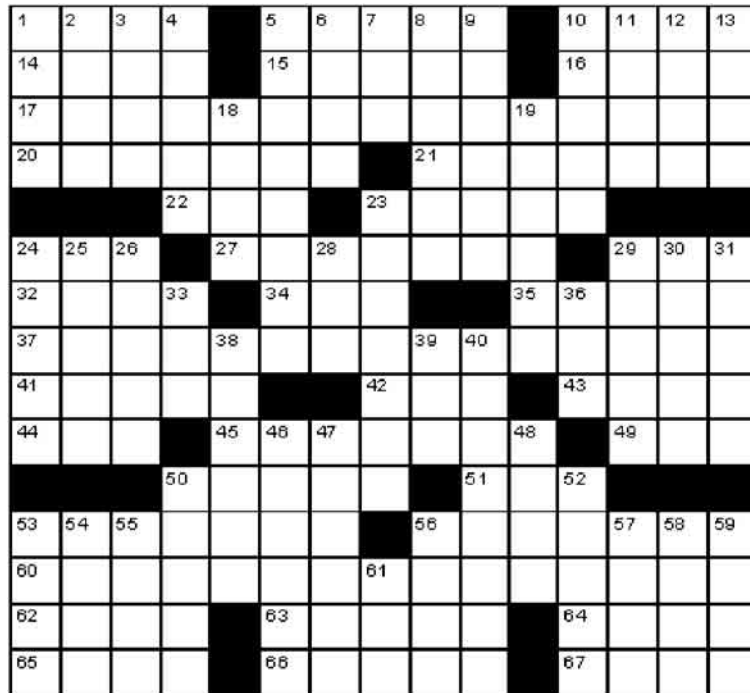
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Halved Some | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Bus start
- 5 News briefs
- 10 Factory fallout
- 14 Football Hall-of-Famer Page
- 15 Make more lean
- 16 Volcano top
- 17 Bisected Rodgers and Hart hit?
- 20 California mountains
- 21 Grunted
- 22 Mikhail of chess
- 23 Condemn openly
- 24 Jazz form
- 27 Employs wrongly
- 29 Actress Lupino
- 32 Small particle
- 34 Pouch
- 35 Artist's stand
- 37 Bisected Beatles hit?
- 41 Edsel, to many
- 42 Tarzan portrayer
- 43 Verve
- 44 Alums to be
- 45 Disheveled
- 49 Unit of energy
- 50 Dawns
- 51 ____ Daman and Diu
- 53 Check marks?
- 56 Tied up



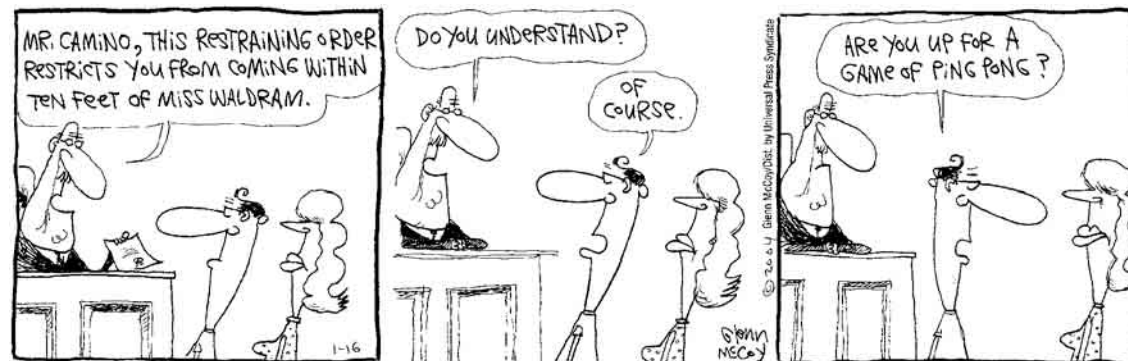
- 60 Bisected 17th century conflict?
- 62 Landed
- 63 Strides
- 64 Merit
- 65 Goes to seed
- 66 "____ of God" (1985)

- 67 WWII battle site
- 1 Buffoons
- 2 1052, to Cato
- 3 Church section
- 4 Not active
- 5 Utopian's vision

- 6 Counting method
- 7 Newt wannabe
- 8 Propaganda target
- 9 Posture
- 10 Menacing
- 11 Blanc, e.g.
- 12 "Going ____, going ..."

- 13 Commanded right
- 18 Overstuff
- 19 Hardy novel setting
- 23 Wife of a duke
- 24 Cries lustily
- 25 Besides what's here
- 26 Frost output
- 28 Did nothing
- 29 Basketry material
- 30 Kind of flask
- 31 On the way
- 33 Dialer's 6
- 36 Parliamentary position
- 38 Cantillate
- 39 Type of wind
- 40 Darnel
- 46 Nicaraguan revolutionary
- 47 Get out the knots
- 48 Hardly upbeat
- 50 Mongrels
- 52 They may carry burdens
- 53 At a distance
- 54 "Venus de ____"
- 55 Think nothing ____
- 56 A head of France
- 57 Flatten a fly
- 58 British nobleman
- 59 007 nemesis
- 61 Yang's partner

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You've reached an important landmark in your own emotional development. Now it is time for you to make an important decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your ideas are sure to be challenging to those around you. It may take some time before you persuade someone to lend financial support.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Focus on the details, and virtually everything you do will pay off and bring you more satisfaction than you had bargained for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're going to have to break the rules to get the results you really want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be

unusually demanding and aggressive in your desires. Take care you don't become intimidating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're going to have to take care of some personal business early in the day to clear your schedule for some unexpected developments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're going to want to get right to it, but there are many reasons why you should move slowly and strive to get more information.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A clash of wills may actually turn out in your favor — provided you don't give everything away too soon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Now is not the time to say "no" when it is just as easy to say "yes" and have things your way when it is most important to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take care that you don't let a minor error go unnoticed, or it may blossom into something you can't easily deal with on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You are eager to finish with a project, but don't work beyond your own capacity for accuracy. Get it right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You will have to pay for the best if you want the best; if you're willing to settle for a little less, then you'll be able to save money.

LIVE ONLINE

To the Moon

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

DR. JOHN H. GIBBONS, former science and technology adviser to President Clinton, was online Thursday to discuss President Bush's initiative to send humans back to the moon and to explore Mars.

What is your quick analysis of President Bush's plan?

I'm sad about the focus on human space flight when we're doing so well with robotics, which extend human presence. This refocus on human flight is something that worries me greatly. I think it's a misplaced focus on the future that will borrow heavily from an already deficit-ridden country. It also seems to be unilateral and it should be an international effort.

What will happen to the International Space Station? Some reports seem to suggest that once it's finished we basically will abandon it.

Support for these programs largely comes from people who make money building things in space — that may be unfair, but I think that's the case. The question is: How do we want to use our money to provide for our children's future?

I'm concerned about the ISS. It was originally justified as an engineering challenge that gathered an international effort, helped pull Russia out of an economic depression and cushioned the American space industry and its rapid descent from the Cold War. So there were reasons for it. But the president isn't addressing that at all.

How firm do you think are reports that there will be no more servicing missions to the Hubble space telescope?

The Hubble is a glorious instrument. It also proved the enormous value of having humans in Earth's orbit — when it was first put up, it needed work and astronauts were able to fix it. If I had some money for space I would continue the Hubble work. That's another excellent use of the shuttle during its lifetime — more important probably than servicing the space station.

Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Steven A. Elmendorf, campaign chief of staff for Democratic presidential candidate Dick Gephardt.

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